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PADUCAH, KY., SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 6 1907.

10 CENTS PER WEEK

**BANK CLEARINGS  
LEAP THIS WEEK****Nearly One Hundred Thousands and is Increase****Last Year the Corresponding Week Received Great Impulse But Is Excelled.****TOBACCO IS STILL BIG FACTOR.**

Bank clearings ..... \$850,255  
Same week last year ..... 759,659  
Increase ..... \$ 99,597

Only sustained activity in all lines could keep the bank clearings up like as have been in the opening weeks of spring. The wholesale houses continue to enjoy a large business and the retail stores particularly have done a record spring trade. An increase of a hundred thousand dollars this week is larger than it appears on its face, because the corresponding week of last year experienced something of a spurt, requiring a large volume of business this week to show an increase. Tobacco continues to play an important part in business and real estate has been active. Adding the contemplated expenditure of \$25,000 by the board of education on two new buildings, to the work already planned, will insure good conditions throughout the summer, until the fall business comes in to swell the volume. A glance at the advertising columns of The Sun will show one sensible evidence of the city's prosperity.

**U. C. T. OF A.****Council Will Be Instituted in Paducah Tonight.**

Tonight a council will be instituted into the United Commercial Travelers of America which restricts its members to the Travelers' Protective association. The institution will be conducted by George F. Brown, of Lexington, state secretary, assisted by J. P. Shiffen, of Columbus, O. assistant supreme secretary, and Charles W. Rice, of New York, past supreme counsellor.

Following are the charter members of the council: H. C. Hoover, W. J. Clark, C. E. Renfro, E. L. Dale, Harry L. Fisher, J. H. Steffen, Robert Chastaine, Harry J. Livingston, John R. Scott, L. J. Chapman, G. E. Tinsley, Charles D. Worthen, William T. Hardy, Joe Rothschild.

The ceremonies will be conducted in the K. P. hall.

**IN THREE STATES.****Tornado Swept Bringing Death To Twenty People.**

New Orleans, La., April 5.—Probably 20 lives were instantly blotted out by the tornado which swept across portions of three Gulf states, which was distinctly traceable for a distance of 300 miles and which took about 11 hours in crossing this zone. The tornado moved from west to east, crossing the southern extremities of Louisiana and Mississippi and striking into Alabama for a short distance. The tornado began at Alexandria, La., then struck Jackson, La., Bayou Sara, La., and Carson, Miss., and the last heard of it was about noon near Selma, Ala.

**VIRGIL HOLCOMBE IS  
ACQUITTED OF CHARGE.**

Virgil Holcombe, a well known young man of the city, was acquitted of a charge of grand larceny this morning in circuit court. Holcombe was employed as second clerk for several months on the steamer Buttorf, then running for the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet company. He was arrested with a companion and presented in police court, it being alleged they rowed to the boat in a skiff and manipulated the cash drawer in the absence of the clerk. They were acquitted in police court but Holcombe was indicted by the grand jury. There was no evidence against him.

**Chicken Has Three Legs.**

Three legs and possessed by a chicken hatched Wednesday at the farm of Mr. J. L. Gardner on the Mayfield road. The extra leg branches off at the knee joint of the left leg, and with the exception of having only two toes is perfect.

**WEATHER FORECAST.****THREATENING.**

Threatening with showers tonight and Sunday, slowly rising temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 57; lowest today, 40.

**RENEW WAR.**

Salvador, April 6.—Renewal of active hostilities between Nicaragua and Honduras and Salvador is expected shortly, all the Honduran coast except the towns of Truxillo, Amapala, Puerto Cortez are again in control of Honduras. President Bonilla is expected to establish a new capital at Camayaga and renew the warfare on President Zelaya with vigor.

**INCREASES BUSINESS.**

Omaha, April 6.—Preliminary reports of Nebraska railroads for March indicate increased earnings, although for three weeks of the month railroads have operated under the two cent passenger rate.

**CZAR TO ABDICATE.**

London, April 6.—Government and diplomatic circles manifested the liveliest interest today in dispatches from St. Petersburg that Czar Nicholas will abdicate within a month and Grand Duke Michael will become regent during the infancy of the czarovitch. That the czar's health is far from satisfactory is well known, this has a tendency to give some credence to the story.

**CULBERTSON BOOM.**

Chicago, April 6.—Senator Culbertson's boom for the Democratic nomination for president in 1908, has been launched in Texas. Colonel Johnson, of Texas, had a long conference here yesterday with politicians with reference to the matter.

**MEMPHIAN'S DEED.**

Memphis, April 6.—Ed Murphy, painter, climbed to the roof of the Business Men's club today and poured a gallon of benzine over his clothing and set them afire. His body was burned to ashes and was carried from the roof in a basket by fellow workmen. His mind had been affected for some time.

**WORKMEN SHOT.**

Vienna, April 6.—A dispatch from Lodz, Russian Poland, says ten workmen were shot by strikers in a factory there today, because they attempted to resume work.

**RUSSE'S SUCCESSOR.**

Washington, April 6.—State Senator Daniel Campbell was selected to succeed Postmaster Bussee at Chicago. The president told Senators Callom and Hopkins he would make the appointment immediately.

**GRIEF KILLS.**

Canton, O., April 6.—Henry Alderhouse, died of grief today, because of his wife's insanity. Years ago Alderhouse was sheriff of the county and in discharge of his duty was compelled to execute three young men, convicted of murder. His wife brooded over the execution until she became insane.

**GRAIN MARKET.**

Cincinnati, April 6.—Wheat, 79; corn, 49 1-2; oats, 46 1-2.

**ASYLUM BURNS.**

Williamsville, Conn., April 6.—A lively fight with insane patients, some of whom narrowly escaped being cremated, occurred early this morning when Grandview sanitarium, a resort for alcoholic and demented patients, was completely destroyed. Laura Bachus is missing and supposed to be burned to death.

**WAS FRANK M'KAY  
MURDERED OR NOT?****Coroner Probing Mystery of Floater in Ohio****Inquest Under Way Today Shows That There Was Trouble On Steamboat Trip.****SOMEBODY HEARD LOUD SPLASH**

Trouble such as is likely to occur on any excursion, furnishes the basic clue for the theory that Frank McKay, Jr., was murdered and his body thrown into the Ohio river, Sunday night, March 17, when he was returning from an excursion to Cairo. The inquest, which was started at the city hall yesterday afternoon, adjourned until this morning when officers of the Dick Fowler were examined, and is in progress this afternoon.

Friends of young McKay, who were with him on the boat, testified that he was not drinking much and was orderly. Several people testified that the mate ejected someone from the cabin, and witnesses said the man ejected was behaving all right while the mate had hold of his collar. Some stated that they saw the mate, or someone they supposed to be the mate, beat and kick a prostrate man, and they identified McKay's picture. The mate said he and the policeman of Metropolis ejected a disorderly drunken man from the cabin and slapped the fellow for struggling.

A watchman heard a splash, but thought it was a chair being thrown into the river. One witness heard the mate tell Detective Moore of striking a fellow, answering to McKay's description, but on being shown McKay's picture at the inquest the mate said it was not the likeness of the man he ejected from the cabin. That man, he has learned, lives at Murray.

Testimony to the effect that a group of excited young fellows, said they "would not have it occur for anything" as they stood at the wharf after the Dick Fowler came in.

**Ejects Man From Cabin.**  
This morning Coroner Frank Eaker had the employes of the Dick Fowler to testify as to what occurred on the boat on Sunday, March 17, when the Fowler ran an excursion to Cairo.

Captain Mark Cole was the first called and his testimony ran as follows: He remembered seeing a young man about six feet tall, wearing a dark gray suit of clothes, being taken by the mate down the steps to the deck. The man had been disorderly in the cabin and the marshal of Metropolis and the mate took him to the deck, where he might be taken care of, as he was drunk. Captain Cole said he was in and about the boat and noticed some drinking on the return trip. Not until a week after was he informed of any one or thing falling overboard by the roof watchman.

Pete Welden, the mate on the boat, was called and testified that a tall man raised a disturbance in the cabin and kicked against the door, and he, with the assistance of the Metropolis marshal took the fellow down the steps to the deck and told the watchman to watch him lest he fall overboard. After talking to him a few minutes Welden returned to the cabin. As he came down the steps he said he slapped the fellow with his open hand, because the fellow was struggling to free himself, and when the deck was reached he gave the fellow a side kick to make him get around. He heard nothing of a man being lost then.

Night Watchman Cunningham was next called and his testimony brought out that something was thrown or pushed into the river. He was on the deck when the tall young man was brought down and talked to him for some time. He took the man back to the deck room and had him sit down. Joppa was reached some time about 8 o'clock, but it was not until approximately half way between Metropolis and Brookport that anything out of the ordinary happened. He was standing on the left side of the boat on the lower deck when he heard a splash and he stepped to the edge to ascertain what it was. A railing five feet high is at this point, but he distinctly remembered seeing nothing arise as wood or a life preserver.

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**IN DIRE DISTRESS.**

—Berryman in Washington Star

**INCREASE IN PAY  
FOR I. C. WORKMEN****Ten Per Cent More for One Hundred and Fifty Maintenance of the Way Employes and Five Hundred Track Men Here.****AMOUNT IS JUST ANNOUNCED.**

Ten per cent increase has been granted all bridge and building department employes on the Illinois Central and over 150 men on the Louisville division, are affected. Track men in the road department, about 500 in number, also get the same increase. The announcement was made of the raise several days ago but no definite figures were received until today. Bridge and building carpenters secure wages from \$2.25 to \$2.75 per day and track men according to the class of work done.

**DIRECTORS TO CANVASS**

**BANK BIDS NEXT MONDAY.**  
A meeting of the directors of the First National bank will be held on Monday to consider the bids received on the new ten-story building. It is possible that the contractor whose bid is considered most favorably, may be asked to come to the city for a conference. If the bank decides that the bids received are too high, it will be several weeks before new bids could be received. President Reeves said there is no haste in awarding the contract, as it is desired to foresee all contingencies.

**PAPERS IN M. E. LANE CASE  
ARE SENT TO FRANKFORT.**

County Attorney Alben Barkley mailed the papers in the case of M. E. Lane, magistrate, who was charged with entering into a contract with the county contrary to law, to the court of appeals today. The law says that no magistrate shall enter into a contract with the county for remuneration to himself, and Magistrate Lane was acquitted in the circuit court. The county road supervisor hired some teams from Magistrate Lane.

Hopkinsville, Ky., April 6.—John W. Payne, former county attorney of Christian county, died today, aged 50 years. He had been ill several weeks.

Mr. Dave Miller, who was injured at Lone Oak by being thrown out of his buggy, is better. It is now thought he will recover. He is at his home near Hinkleville.

**M'KAY INQUEST.**

At the McKay inquest this afternoon Leslie Purdy, a steamboat man, testified that Monday or Tuesday night he and Will Love met Pete Elden who informed them that "they found McKay's body in the river; that Elden stated he had to take some young man down from the cabin on the excursion, and was forced to slap him. He farther testified that some man on the boat had been struck in the head with a stick. Purdy was not acquainted with McKay. Policeman William Wiant, of Metropolis, testified to boarding the boat at Metropolis on the downtrip, and coming back saw the mate escorting a man down stairs from the cabin; that the man was drunk and fell on deck and was slapped several times by the mate. Wiant testified that the man sat on planks awhile and after visiting the rear of the boat went into the cabin again.

**ALBERT PARKINS'  
INJURIES FATAL**

As the result of internal injuries sustained in jumping from a buggy Wednesday morning, Albert Parkins, 48 years old, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home, 147 Farley Place. He had been sinking for 48 hours. Mr. Parkins was starting for the country when his horse frightened and plunged. Mr. Parkins jumped out, breaking his leg and injuring himself internally. Beside his wife and five children, he leaves one sister, Mrs. Dow Watson.

**THAW TRIAL.****Will Be Resumed Monday and Proceed As Usual.**

New York, April 6.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw will proceed Monday morning, when Delphin M. Delmas, leading counsel for the defense, will begin his summing up address to the jury. District Attorney Jerome decided late today not to apply to the appellate division of the supreme court for a writ of prohibition or mandamus. He reached his decision, it was said, after consultations with eminent counsel.

**They're Off in Graves County.**

Mayfield, Ky., April 6.—The candidates for representative in Graves county have all put up the required sum to pay the expenses of the Democratic county primary election. The names of those who have paid up and are in the race are: Houston Brooks, A. P. Pullen, Leon Evans, and J. E. Warren. The amount put up by each was \$43.75.

**BIG AUDITORIUM  
IS CONSIDERED****Odd Fellows Temple May, be Arranged For It****Mr. Eli G. Boone Suggests Filling Long Felt Want in Paducah and Lodges Take It Up.****FIRST FLOOR CAN BE USED**

Paducah's greatest need an auditorium adequate in size for public meetings, conventions, and social functions on a large scale, at a reasonable rent charge, seems likely to be realized in an idea original with Mr. E. G. Boone. Mr. Boone is a prominent Odd Fellow and has suggested that the Longfellow school building recently purchased as a home for the lodge, could be turned into such an auditorium at a moderate expenditure and supply a need long felt in Paducah. Only the lower floor of the spacious building would be used in carrying out this idea, and it could be accomplished simply by removing the partitions.

That such an auditorium is a real need in Paducah is known by the general public, and those persons who have had anything to do with getting up large social functions or other entertainments, know especially what a convenience a suitably arranged auditorium would be. In the past, whenever it has been necessary to hold public receptions, political conventions, lodge and church conferences, and other affairs including a large number of people, it has been necessary to secure the use of some private hall, or the theater, and the former rarely have been large enough, while the latter is too expensive for most purposes.

This condition was illustrated in the horse show last fall when it was found so difficult to find a suitable place for the ball and reception; it was emphasized when Governor Cummins and party from Iowa were here and the Elks' graciously offered their home; it was necessary to hold the immigration convention at the theater; as well as the state farmers' institute. Lodges holding annual conventions in the city usually find their facilities inadequate; medical societies have had to shift for themselves, and other instances are not needed, though innumerable, to prove the need of an auditorium.

The theater is arranged admirably for certain affairs, but necessarily so that its use is expensive. If the lower floor of the Longfellow building is turned into an auditorium, a hard wood floor could be laid, at once affording a place for social as well as political, commercial and scientific assemblies. The fine natural light would make the use of artificial light in the day time, unnecessary and the other expenses of keeping it in condition would be similarly small. The cost of re-arranging would not be excessive, and it would, afford an immediate source of revenue to the lodge while meeting an urgent need.

The committee of the Odd Fellows which has the re-arrangement of the building in charge, has not decided on the plan to be pursued, but turning the lower floor into an auditorium will receive serious consideration. Upstairs, the rooms will be made attractive and a public reading room also has been suggested. In Nashville, Louisville and other cities, the lodges regularly make a practice of inviting strangers to their public rooms, and have found it to be the best advertising the lodge can secure.

**GOES TO EUROPE TO  
STUDY IMMIGRATION.**

Atlanta, Ga., April 6.—Governor-elect Hoke Smith leaves tomorrow for New York to sail April 9 for Europe to study immigration.

**Mrs. Virginia Crawford.**

Mrs. Virginia Crawford, 26 years old, wife of Dr. G. L. Crawford, a dentist of Smithland, Livingston county, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Smithland of tuberculosis, after a lingering illness. She had resided in Smithland nearly all her life and had been married but a short time. She was the daughter of Captain John Throop, formerly a steamboat man, but now connected with the water plant at Evansville. Besides her husband she leaves three brothers and two sisters.

**COAL CAR BREAKS  
DOWN ON TRESTLE****Slow Speed Saves. Bad Wreck on The Illinois Central Switching Track Along River Front This Morning.****TWENTY-FIVE FEET IN THE AIR.**

Had switch engine, No. 199, been moving rapidly over the river front incline this morning at 7:45 o'clock, a disastrous freight wreck would have occurred, though the nature of the wreck probably would not have caused loss of life. The switch engine was well out on the trestle going toward the freight depot on Campbell street when the front trucks of an empty coal car next to the engine, broke out, and the body of the car plunged down onto the trestle, bringing the long string of empty freight cars to a sudden halt. Only the fact that the train was moving at a moderate speed over the trestle prevented many of the cars being knocked off the track, which is 25 feet high, by being telescoped against the wrecked car. As it was, the trucks of the wrecked car followed the switch engine, leaving the car as a buffer between the switchmen on the rear end of the engine and the oncoming cars. The switchmen on the flat car, which the engine pulls around with it, were not jarred by the wreck, owing to the coal car next to the engine being the one wrecked and stopping the other cars. After picking up some of the smaller pieces of the wreck the switch engine crew came into the city and notified the wrecking crew. Traffic was delayed several hours on the incline by the wreck. Rotten timbers in the coal car are supposed to have caused the strain to pull out the trucks.

**METROPOLIS BLUES AND  
CULLEYS TO PLAY AGAIN.**

The Metropolis Blues against the Culleys will be the program for baseball fans tomorrow at Wallace park. The game will be called at 3 o'clock and the same line-up as last Sunday will be offered by both teams. Last Sunday the initial game between the two teams resulted in a victory for the visitors, score 5 to 2.

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL WILL  
RUN EXCURSION APRIL 20**

The Illinois Central railroad will run an excursion to Paducah from St. Louis, leaving St. Louis Saturday night, April 20, and arriving here Sunday April 21.